



Mayor Pro Tempore Ed Adkison, center, exchanges gifts with Li Hangao, Jiangmen Bureau of Foreign Trade and Economic vice director, left and Zhao Shanxiang, right, director of the Jiangmen Import and Export Enterprises Association. Mr. Hangao and Mr. Shanxiang were part of a 14-member delegation from Jiangmen, China, a Sister City of Riverside.

## **Riverside Welcomes Jiangmen Trade Delegation**

A 14-member delegation from Jiangmen, China visited Riverside March 4-6 to explore trade and economic exchanges between the two cities.

The delegation was led by Zhao Shanxiang, director of the Jiangmen Import and Export Enterprises Association and Wen (David) Zhou, director-general of the Jiangmen Bureau of Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation.

The delegation met with representatives of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, the Inland Chinese Association and the City's Economic Development

Department, which hosted the delegation. They also visited the Riverside-based Ruiz Flour Tortillas and American Lighting businesses. Ruiz Flour Tortillas has expressed an interest in exporting won-ton wrappers to China. American Lighting already is in South China with a manufacturing facility in the Guangdong Province.

The visit by the delegation is in large part a response to Mayor Ronald O. Loveridge's call for greater economic exchanges between Riverside and its six sister cities around the world.

Jiangmen, China, has been a sister city to Riverside for the past 10 years. It has a population of 4 million and is located in the Guangdong province of South China. Though it has a large manufacturing base—it produces nearly 10 percent of all China's motorcycles—it is known as a city of trees for its vast tree-lined boulevards and immaculate public parks.

Riverside's other sister cities are Sendai, Japan; Gangnam Gu, South Korea; Hyderabad, India, and Ensenada and Cuautla in Mexico.

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